Merrick Five Star WINGALING® dog food

Date of Recall: April 18, 2006

Products Recalled: Canned dog food

Recall # V-078-6



Product Information:

Merrick Five Star WINGALING® Dog Food in 13.2 oz. metal cans. The product consists of whole chicken wings (3 per can) in a stew base. The can code can be found on the bottom of the can. The case code is on a white label applied to the end of the case.

Can Codes	Case Codes
3M5WAL I 05347 ####H	I 05347
3M5WAL H 05353 ####H	H 05353
3M5WAL A 05362 ####H	A 05362
3M5WAL G 06003 ####H	G 06003
3M5WAL H 06003 ####H	H 06003
3M5WAL H 06004 ####H	H 06004
3M5WAL H 06006 ####H	H 06006
3M5WAL E 06012 ####H	E 06012
3M5WAL F 06012 ####H	F 06012
3M5WAL G 06017 ####H	G 06017
3M5WAL H 06017 ####H	H 06017
3M5WAL K 06024 ####H	K 06024
3M5WAL L 06025 ####H	L 06025

Recalling Firm:

Merrick Pet Care, Ltd. Amarillo, TX 79105

Product Manufacturer:

Merrick Petfoods, Inc. Hereford, TX 79045

Customer Questions and Concerns:

Customers with questions or concerns should contact Merrick Pet Care at 806-322-2800 and speak with a Customer Service Representative.

Customer Returns:

Because they would like to perform a 100% inspection of recalled product, Merrick Pet Care is asking customers who have any of these products to return them directly to the company. Merrick Pet Care will provide each customer with a full refund and will arrange for shipment of the product back to the company at no cost to the customer. To arrange for product return and a refund, customers should call a Customer Service Representative at 806-322-2800.

<u>Problem/Reason for Recall:</u> Pet food may contain metal tags. The wing supplier failed to inform the manufacturer that some of the wings had been individually tagged as suitable for "kosher use." Production crews caught most of the tags, but a few were found in cans purchased by consumers. Merrick Pet Foods has ceased purchasing material from this supplier.

Amount recalled:

192,667 cans

Distribution:

Nationwide and Internationally

<u>Press Release:</u> Yes (click here for the company product recall notice)